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TO: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers
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SUBJECT: Influenza Update, Holiday Shipping, imMTrax Transition

Seasonal Influenza Update

To date, we have filled all original influenza orders as well as some additional requests. We no longer have any 0.5ml presentations (including multi-dose vials), but we still have 0.25ml Fluzone® and FluMist® available. Please contact me directly if you need more influenza vaccine (444-0277 lhutchinson@mt.gov). Jerry at Home IV Pharmacy does not handle flu orders, and submitting your requests to him may result in delayed or duplicate orders.

At this point in the season, if you have too much vaccine, we ask that you hold on to your inventory and continue to vaccinate eligible children in your community. Several cases of influenza have been confirmed in the state and as this information reaches the public, demand for influenza vaccine may increase. We will look into redistribution options as the season progresses.

Included with this memo is a document summarizing some key points about the 2011–2012 influenza season published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Holiday Shipping Schedule from McKesson

Due to the holidays, McKesson, our vaccine distributor, will not ship vaccine December 22 through January 2, 2011. Shipping will resume on January 3, 2012. December 16th was the last date we could enter orders and have them arrive before the holiday shipping blackout. Orders received after December 16th will ship after January 2, 2012.

imMTrax Reminder

As a reminder, we transitioned from the previous State immunization registry, WIZRD, to imMTrax on November 14, 2011.

Due to a few glitches, we delayed the implementation of the inventory reconciliation and vaccine ordering functions. The imMTrax team is working hard to resolve these issues, which in some cases involves working individually with each provider. You may be contacted by the imMTrax team to perform a "test" reconciliation as we trouble-shoot the system.

It is unclear at this time whether the inventory reconciliation and vaccine ordering function will be available in January. We will issue a memo near the end of this month (December) with instructions on how to report and order for January. **Please read this memo and follow the instructions.** Failing to do so may disrupt the imMTrax system, create undue work for our imMTrax team, and delay your vaccine order. We appreciate your patience and cooperation!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Immunization Program at 444-5580 or hhsiz@mt.gov.

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